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Further information on UA 88/99 (ASA 21/33/99, 23 April 1999) - Fear for safety/ "disappearance"

EAST TIMOR

Mateus Araujo
Alvaro - possibly killed
Daniel
Marcelino
Jorge
Bernadino - possibly killed
Felis
Marcal
Abilio - probably killed
Alvaro - possibly killed

New Names:

Claudio Magno]
Alipio Jordao]
Abrao] **"disappeared"**
Agustinho Ferreira]
Justinho Cardoso]
Elias Nunes

Orlando Berek]
Tome Nunes] **arrested: three have**
Joao Nunes Ximenes] **"disappeared"**
Xisto Borges]
Pedro da Costa]

Up to 18 men have been killed by paramilitaries in Suai, south-west of Dili. A further nine have "disappeared" after they were arrested by soldiers and paramilitaries, and there is grave concern for their safety.

Abilio Pires, believed to be the "Abilio" on the list, is already known to have been killed by paramilitaries. A further three of the people on that list are now thought to be among the dead. "Bernadino" is believed to be Bernadino Simoa, a student from the University of East Timor (UNTIM), who was kidnapped by *Mahidi* on 11 April and later killed; Alvaro Barreto (believed to be "Alvaro"), was arrested on 14 April at Kamanasa, Suai, by the Indonesian Armed Forces (ABRI) and the paramilitary group *Laksaur Merah Putih* while riding a bus, and then killed by the paramilitary group *Mahidi*; and Alvaro de Araujo, 25 (believed to be "Alvaro") was killed by paramilitaries in Suai.

The nine other men who have "disappeared" were arrested by ABRI and paramilitary groups between 20 and 23 April in various villages in Suai. Orlando Berek, Tome Nunes, Joao Nunes Ximenes, Xisto Borges and Pedro da Costa were arrested by *Laksaur Merah Putih* on 22 April in Walabaru, Foholulik. Three of them have since "disappeared", but it is not known which three.

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Among the 18 feared dead are Jose Fatima, who was arrested by *Laksaur Merah Putih* on 14 April, and Joao Ximenes Soares, a student from UNTIM, who was kidnapped on 11 April by *Mahidi* in Daes, Suai. The names of the others killed are not yet known, but they could include some of the six people originally listed as "disappeared" who are not yet accounted for.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express/ airmail letters in Bahasa Indonesia, English or your own language:

- expressing grave concern at the reported "disappearance" of at least 15 men in Suai;
- urging the authorities to immediately take action to find and disclose the men's whereabouts;
- urging the authorities to launch an investigation into the deaths of Bernadino Simoa, Joao Ximenes Soares, Jose Fatima, Alvaro Barreto and Alvaro de Araujo.

APPEALS TO:

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Salutation: **Dear Minister**

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Salutation: **Dear President Habibie**

and to diplomatic representatives of Indonesia accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 8 June 1999.